



# Special meeting of Council Minutes

Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 2015 | GSS Ballroom | 5:30 pm.

**Present:** Antoine Ponsard, Anujit Chakraborty, Bingyu Liu, Charlie Deng, Chen Vu, Catherine Crocker (proxy for David Gill), Dylan Burrows, Enav Zusman, Grant Tran, Afshim Amini (proxy for Hamid Omid), Marcelo Bravo (proxy for Jackie Davis), James Lawson, Julienne Jagdeo (proxy for Raphael Rocco), Kreso Sola, Lachlan Caunt (proxy for Krish Maharaj), Maayan Kreitzman, Clayton Whitt (proxy for Michelle Hak Hepburn), Mirza Sarwar, Nicholas Dawson, Patrick Lo, Logan McDonald (proxy for Robin Kim), Conny Lin (proxy for Sarah Simon), Shona Robinson, Susan Song, Tobias Friedel, Fuhar Dixit (proxy for Vasili Triandafilidi), Katerina Othonos (proxy for Vivian Lam), Xun Zhou, Yaseen Mottiar, Yulia Merkulova.

**Regrets:** Andrea Jones, Christie Waltham, Colúm Connolly, Elizabeth Bulaeva, Ingrid Olson, Jennifer Campbell, Kevin Mehr, Natalie Marshall, Sarah Fernando,

**Absent:** Ambrose Chan, Behzad Shoolestani, Coco Tang, Dustin King, Guillaume Beaulieu-Houle, Mary-Anne Shonoda, Naman Paul, Nayantara Duttachoudhury, Olenka Forde, Parker Jobin, Rebecca Sherbo, Suzie Maginley, Tahara Bhate.

**Speaker:** Abdul Alnaar

**Guests:** Mark Wellington, GSS General Manager  
Neal Yonson, GSS Policy Researcher  
Shannon Blakely, GSS Events Director

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## A. Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:47 pm.

BIRT the agenda be adopted as presented.

**MOVER: Tobias Friedel**

**SECONDER: Shona Robinson**

*Amendment* to add presentation titled “Robert Rules of Order” after Shannon’s presentation.

**MOVER: Tobias Friedel**

**SECONDER: Antoine Ponsard**

**MOTION PASSED**

Back to motion as amended.

*Amendment* to edit motion #4.

Speaker: amendment isn’t in the order right now. Motion can be amended during consideration after it is moved and seconded.

Maayan: what if want to split up into two motions.

Speaker: the appropriate way is to request Chair to have a separate vote on each BIRT clause. It will automatically split motions; later can be amended from the floor.



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Back to main motion.

## **MOTION PASSED**

### **B. Introductions**

### **C. Presentations**

*(10 Minutes for presentation, 5 minutes for questions)*

- **Orientation: call for volunteers**

*Presenter - Shannon Blakely;*

- Quick update on orientation, also asking for volunteers;
- We have great student engagement this year - all events are sold out!
- 52 seats for GSS hike on Sept 6. Were filled within first 2 weeks; now expanding to 156 seats;
- GSS day, Sept. 4th will start with the Pancakes breakfast followed by Campus Tour and MOA Tour, Campus Challenge – hoping Councillors or anyone interested can help out during these events, also a great opportunity to meet new people and welcome grads to UBC;
- Social at Koerner's Pub is on Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>; about 100 people confirmed; bring your friends and peers to welcome new students to help them find their communities;
- Passing a clipboard to sign up for shifts each 1-2 hours max. The majority of events are on Thursday and Friday;
- At the moment, we have 81 people on the wait list for Campus Tour; now arranging for extra tours trying to accommodate all students interested.
- As we are expecting a large number of incoming grads attending our orientation, need help to run all events as smooth as possible;
- Councillors, anyone interested, grads in the constituents who have time and interest, please email Shannon at [bookings@gss.ubc.ca](mailto:bookings@gss.ubc.ca)
- Thanked those students who had already signed up.

#### *Questions & Answers*

Patrick: Friday, is it tomorrow?

Shannon: no, Sept. 4.

Antoine: what is the capacity of Koerner's Pub? If can accommodate 150 students?

Shannon: because of the patio, can accommodate large groups, up to about 200 people.



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- **Robert Rules of Order**

*Presenters: Maayan Kreitzman and Dylan Burrows*

- RRO presentation is to practice making amendments from the floor; motion is being proposed and shown on the screen.

*WHEREAS it seems like we could use some practice with amending motions; and*

*WHEREAS making amendments on the floor is kind of intimidating; and*

*WHEREAS Robert Rules seem to be functioning more to silence people that to help them talk; therefore*

*BIRT that GSS Council take a minute to figure this shit out;*

*BIFRT we don't mind making fools of ourselves as long as everyone's learning;*

*BIFRT we do this in the spirit of generosity and help each other out.*

*MOVER: Maayan Kreitzman*

*SECONDER: Dylan Burrows*

*Motivation: I think this is awesome. Let's learn!*

*Dylan: this seems ok, but some of the language is unprofessional;*

*Maayan: point well taken. Though it's supposed to be light-hearted and amusing.*

*Dylan: Let's be a bit more put together. Lawyerese is supposed to be boring and incomprehensible, remember?*

*Maayan: Alright then. Could you suggest amendments to make it better?*

*Amendment to strike the phrase "this shit" and insert the phrase "this conundrum".*

*MOVER: Dylan Burrows*

*SECONDER: Antoine Ponsard*

*Tobias: this amendment is awesome.*

*Maayan: this amendment is too polite for my tastes, but fine.*

*Dylan: call to question.*

*MOTION PASSED*

*Back to motion as amended.*

*MOTION PASSED by unanimous consent.*

## **D. Council Motions**



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## 2. GSS Position on UBC Governance

WHEREAS The UBC Board of Governors has recently attempted to obfuscate the occurrence of Board meetings; and

WHEREAS serious allegations of inappropriate behaviour have been made against the Board Chair; and

WHEREAS The Board of Governors **has** issued its full confidence in the Board Chair and his leadership before the conclusion of a thorough investigation into those allegations; and

WHEREAS The Chair of the Board of Governors concurrently holds a position on the Faculty Advisory Council of the Sauder School of Business; and

WHEREAS student members of the Board of Governors owe a fiduciary duty to the university and therefore are not accountable to students; and

WHEREAS **the communications received by the GSS from the Board have** ~~the GSS' relationship with the Board has~~ been limited to one phone call and one letter in a period of at least three years; and

WHEREAS the Chancellor, and the Board Chair have both declined an invitation to address GSS Council.

BIRT the GSS believes that the **recent** actions of the UBC Board of Governors and its Chair do not reflect the university's values, which include integrity, public interest, mutual respect and equity.

BIFRT the GSS believes that the Board's policies and protocols ~~for~~ are inconsistent with UBC's values.

BIFRT the GSS believes the Board can achieve transparency and alignment with the university's values through the enactment of reforms to its policies and protocols.

**MOVER: Tobias Friedel**

**SECONDER: Kreso Sola**

*Motivation:* At the last Council meeting we all felt that some sort of a position should be taken to address recent events. Also want to add that since Tuesday there was a few more developments - John Montalbano stepped aside from his position followed by a release. He is no longer an acting chair and out of his responsibilities, but did not resign completely. Motion that you see is a result of the work of two working groups, first called on Friday and second one on Monday, along with the feedback received via email and distributed to all Councillors today.

*Debate*

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Patrick: this motion is a position statement. Do we usually include a clause that we accept an accompanying briefing note?

Speaker: don't have to, but we can add the following BIRT clause to approve the note.

Yaseen: whereas clause regarding GSS communications with the Board of Governors. Were there multiple letters sent out by GSS?

Tobias: we have received one letter in response since May 2015, to the same letter that was sent to the President's office. Chair of the Board has called GSS President once for at least three year period, and we received only one letter in response. This is all the communication we had with the Board for a long while.

Maayan: can WHEREAS be changed?

Speaker: no. You vote on the BIRT clauses only, WHEREAS is a preamble. Changing WHEREAS does not affect the motion.

Yaseen: does affect, want to see it changed. Board of Governors identified that they aren't available now, but will be attending in future. What was the response to the invitation?

Tobias: Chair and Chancellor both declined the invitation to speak to Council, instead offered to have a meeting set up with GSS Executive in September. They were provided with an alternative time and date to speak to the GSS Council. GSS did not receive any response back. Chair and Chancellor haven't shown any willingness to address Council at any time convenient for them.

Amendment to replace with "has" in the third clause deemed friendly.

Amendment to remove "for" in the second BIRT clause deemed friendly.

Tobias: second clause stipulates structural problems, rather than refers to the actions of particular people.

Back to motion as amended.

*Amendment to change to "recent" actions.*

**MOVER: Shona Robinson**

**SECONDER: Nick Dawson**

Motivation: emphasize on the recent actions and not about the past.

**MOTION PASSED**

Back to motion as amended.

Kylie: is there a policy that separates the position of Chair of Board of Governors with any other?

Speaker: can hold concurrent positions. Staff elect a member from the employees of the University.



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Tobias: blurs the lines between academic and its operations. We feel, at least to some degree, that it is not appropriate to have hands in both those role. Council want put forward to ask for such a policy to enforce separation more clearly.

Kylie: could we add such a motion now?

Tobias: next motion contains a call for tasking the Executive to bring over the proposal for changes. During this process we can add any further recommendations to this list of suggestions. By now means were exhausted.

Conny: Part 6 BC University Act, BC law. 23.1.(g): “ a person who is an employee is not eligible to be on the board...” [read out the mentioned paragraph]

Speaker: not clear. Faculty elect members to the Board. Purpose is to be general, asking transparency. Don't want to go into the specifics.

Tobias: asking to send the paragraph.

Conny: UBC has to comply with the BC law and cannot do anything that goes apart with the current policies. If any kind of statement is to be approved, shall consider who addressing to.

*Amendment to WHEREAS clause regarding the GSS relations:*

*“WHEREAS communications received by the GSS from the Board of Governors..”*

Tobias: amend to “have” instead of “has”.

**MOVER: Tobias Friedel**

**SECONDER: Kreso Sola**

*Motivation from Yaseen: referring to a lack of communications from the Board.*

**MOTION PASSED**

Back to motion as amended.

Yaseen: question to Council. Given Mr. Montalbano has stepped down, shall we change the wording “Chair of the Board of Governors”?

Tobias: he is not an acting chair, but still holds the positon

**MOTION PASSED**

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*Note: Susan S. is voting with Kevin M. iclicker*

### **3. Board of Governors Reform**

WHEREAS the GSS seeks to build constructive and respectful relationships with the UBC administration and Board of Governors;

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BIRT the GSS publishes a set of suggested reforms for the Board of Governors to consider with the goal of strengthening its relationship with the GSS and the community at large.

BIFRT the GSS writes an open letter urging the Board of Governors to adopt the suggested reforms.

BIFRT the GSS makes a formal request to directly address the Board on the suggested reforms at its next regularly scheduled meeting on September 29.

**MOVER: Tobias Friedel**

**SECONDER: Kreso Sola**

*Motivation from Tobias:* this is an action following the position statement. This list includes recommendations from last week presentation, along with the suggestions from grads received during consultations, also will include the point brought by Kylie. It is not written in stone and will be further amended. The goal of this document is to build strong relationships with the Board.

## *Debate*

Nick: set of reforms to be further amended will not be approved by us again.

Tobias: don't think we are at the stage that we can publish, still needs some work. Right place for drafting a final version will be Academic and External Committee. All constituencies are invited to participate in the process. If Council wishes can arrange for clarifications of the final list.

Nick: given the sensitivity, it is better to have ratification by Council.

Tobias: don't have schedule of the Board's meetings. Agenda of the Boards is compiled at least three weeks before the meeting. GSS has to submit it on September 18 the latest.

Neal: want to have it go through committees.

Yaseen: Q for Neal. When is the following meeting of the Board?

Neal: not until December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Speaker: need to go through committees before November 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Board meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Neal: many of the reforms have been identified already. Can be presented to Council tonight.

Patrick: if we are aiming at September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, what is the deadline for the GSS to publish this?

Tobias: Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Conny: What if they say no?

Tobias: if the Board refuses, there are ways to move forward, such as to addressing provincial government, etc. If we feel that the board ignores our request, taking this to the next level

Maayan: still worth making this request. Perhaps, telling the media, even if you don't expect a response.

**MOTION PASSED**

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## 4. Academic Freedom

WHEREAS it has recently been alleged that the academic freedom of a member of the UBC Faculty Association had been infringed upon, and

WHEREAS UBC has described academic freedom as "the bedrock on which a university exists", and

WHEREAS the UBC Calendar calls on all members of the University to support, safeguard, and preserve academic freedom, therefore

BIRT the GSS affirms its commitment to supporting, safeguarding, and preserving academic freedom at UBC, as defined in the UBC Calendar.

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**BIFRT the GSS supports the work, recognizes, acknowledges commends the UBC Faculty Association for the negotiation undertaken by the Faculty Association in the past two weeks on behalf of its membership to establish the fact finding process to safeguard and preserve academic freedom at UBC**

*[introduced by Maayan Kreitzman]*

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the GSS supports the Fact Finding Process agreed to by the University and the UBC Faculty Association.**

~~**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the GSS supports the appointment of Alice Laberge as Acting Chair of the UBC Board of Governors for the duration of the Fact Finding Process.**~~

*[introduced by Tobias Friedel]*

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**MOVER: Maayan Kreitzman**

**SECONDER: Patrick Lo**

Antoine: against, it is a nice motion, but somewhat empty. If you look into the release, there is no need to confirm again. Jennifer Berdahl just expressed her opinion in the blog, and then some people said they were not happy about that. If investigation shows no breach of academic freedom, we will look like fools, like newspapers picking on it, talking about it too much.

*Amendment to add two more clauses that have been submitted to the Chair [read out motions added by Tobias]*

**MOVER: Tobias Friedel**

**SECONDER: Maayan Kreitzman**



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*Motivation from Tobias:* agree with Antoine as it stands. The position is a bit too obvious. However, in a situation that the UBC is right now, there is a necessity to reinforce the values. Believe that we can say a bit more about the matter. Appointment of a new chair is the right move.

Shona: second clause does not seem relevant.

James: confused, in the beginning we question transparency and asking for more information; and here we claim that we know all the facts; too soon to make a statement like that.

Maayan: the second clause is new. Also to show support for the appointment of the Interim Chair of the Board of Governors.

Kylie: question whether this is enough?

Patrick: disagree that we need more facts.

Charlie: need more facts for an appropriate position.

Conny: support amendment. However, there is a difference between academic freedom and freedom of speech. As it refers to a blog post with no citation, then why are we talking about academic freedom?

Lachlan: can vote on each clause separately.

Tobias: Conny has mentioned, there is some disagreement that the whole thing falls on the academic freedom or not. That fact finding makes it more important. Maybe will clear the blurred lines, change the way research is published nowadays.

Maayan: a lot of people do misunderstand the difference between two. Academic freedom covers absolutely anything, also including political views, etc.

Conny: include that the reason why we are making this motion, make suggestions;

Patrick: request to have the vote separately.

## **Amendment PASSED**

Back to motion as amended.

*Amendment to vote on each separate clause.*

**MOVER: Patrick Lo**

**SECONDER: Maayan Kreitzman**

**AMENDMENT PASSED**

Back to motion as amended.

*Amendment to add wording sent in the document, just above two clauses that were added.*

**MOVER: Maayan Kreitzman**

**SECONDER: Patrick Lo**

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*Motivation:* the only organization to go bad about this. Nobody else supported this.

Important to us as future academics; should support.

Charlie: two reasons that don't feel comfortable about their statement – accusation and should have allowed more time for fact finding.

Antoine: support what Charlie has said - such a strong statement shortly after the events took place.

Maayan: would not exist if FA would not come out with such a strong position. Disagree that both Board and Faculty Association should be given equal credit.

Shona: agree that don't deserve about equal credit. But motion implies that we do agree with everything they say. May add WHEREAS clauses. Feeling uncomfortable blindly support their position.

*Amendment to the amendment* to change: "WHEREAS ..... recognize their.."

Tobias: concerns over generality of the amendment, personally find it problematic to show blank support. Commend on specific actions, rather than have a blank support.

**MOVER: SHONA**

**SECONDER: -**

**AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT DEFEATED**

Back to original amendment.

*Amendment to the amendment* to change to "acknowledges":

**MOVER: Patrick Lo**

**SECONDER: Shona Robinson**

Motivation from Patrick: support can mean a lot of things. "Acknowledges" is the intend of that motion to express "thank you".

Kylie: against amendment to the amendment. Acknowledgement does not mean anything.

**AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT DEFEATED**

Back to original amendment.

Charlie: I agree with Maayan's statement that if the UBC FA had done nothing, the university would have also done nothing. But because UBC FA had strong position, we'd be supporting that as well. Also problem with the word "work" we don't know what work they've done.

Conny: The AMS Councillors have debated this same point. At the end, they decided not to give blank support because they didn't have enough information. UBC FA represents faculty, not students, and often their interests don't align with ours, though that is not applicable here. Should we give them blanket support?

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Mirza: Disagree that blanket support could come back and hurt us. We should think this through. We should support a specific thing.

Maayan: To address issue of blanket support. I agree, blanket support is not good, but don't think that's what the motion says.

*Amendment to the amendment* to fix the wording as submitted to the Speaker.

**MOVER: Maayan Kreitzman                      SECONDER: Shona Robinson**

*Motivation from Maayan:* to clarify the language and intent of the amendment.

Point of information from Charlie: I was not informed that any negotiations took place, and what are the parties involved?

Maayan: UBC FA and Acting President; follow Mark MacLean, president of UBC FA on Twitter and Facebook, and he has been involved in the meetings.

Kylie: Announcement on UBC FA website details the fact that the meetings took place on this topic.

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT PASSED**

Back to motion as amended.

Amendment from Tobias to reorganize the wording of the motion deemed friendly.

Back to motion as amended.

Amendment from Shona to fix the wording deemed friendly.

Back to motion as amended.

Charlie: If this amendment passes, can we continue to amend the motion?

Abdul: Yes

**AMENDMENT PASSED**

Back to Main Motion.

*Amendment* to strike last two WHEREAS clauses and first BIRT clause.

**MOVER: Antoine Ponsard                      SECONDER: Shona Robinson**

Motivation: makes a more specific, directed motion, rather than a general motion.

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Tobias: against striking Whereas clauses since they simply state facts. Feels all the clauses subject to amendments enrich the motion. Don't think it hurts to affirm GSS commitment to academic freedom.

Antoine: Maybe it doesn't hurt, but it doesn't bring much to the table.

Kylie: Support Tobias's points to remind the university's obligations around academic freedom.

Good to have both specific and broad clauses.

## **AMENDMENT FAILS**

Back to main motion.

Tobias: Want to commend all of you for going through this process to amend the motion.

*Amendment to strike last BIFRT clause.*

**MOVER: Shona Robinson**

**SECONDER: -**

**AMENDMENT FAILS.**

Back to main motion.

**Voting** [vote on each BIRT clause occurs separately]

BIRT clause 1

**MOTION PASSED**

BIRT clause 2

**MOTION PASSED**

BIRT clause 3

**MOTION PASSED**

BIRT clause 4

**MOTION FAILS**

## **5. Relationship with the UBC President's Office**

WHEREAS the resignation of Dr. Arvind Gupta as UBC President and Vice-Chancellor was announced on August 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS Dr. Martha Piper has been appointed as Interim President and Vice-Chancellor from September 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016; and

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WHEREAS the GSS' relationship with the office of the President has been limited to one official meeting and one letter in the last 14 months; therefore

BIRT the GSS requests regularly scheduled meetings between Dr. Piper and the GSS Executive, to occur no less frequently than once **every two months starting immediately**;

BIFRT the GSS requests such meetings be established as an integral part of the UBC President's schedule in the future.

**MOVER: Kreso Sola**

**SECONDER: Maayan Kreitzman**

*Motivation from Tobias:* as discussed last week we're looking to improve our relationships with the administration and the board. We'd like to establish a regular meeting schedule with the president which is incorporated into the position's duties.

Marcelo: what was the content of the one official meeting?

Tobias: President Gupta met with GSS in November to discuss mutual goals.

Marcelo: Did the exec try to set up regular meetings?

Tobias: Executive did try that, and had been accustomed to a more regular meeting schedule under President Toope. Had 6-8 meetings each year.

Conny: Did president meet with AMS and how often?

Tobias: to my knowledge also met with AMS in November and had a second in the last six weeks.

Conny: Under President Toope, it was his office setting up the meetings with the GSS.

*Amendment* to replace monthly meeting with ~~quarterly~~ **every two months**.

**MOVER: Maayan Kreitzman**

**SECONDER: Conny Lin**

Motivation: monthly is a lot of meetings. Quarterly should be sufficient.

Tobias: In my experience, meetings with administrators get re-scheduled frequently, on short notice. If quarterly meetings get re-scheduled, we will not have a meeting for six months.

Monthly meetings already occur with other senior administrators.

Kylie: if there were monthly meetings under Stephen Toope, it seems reasonable to ask for that again.

Conny: Preparation to meet with the president is a huge deal.

Maayan: I would remind GSS council about how concerned they were with asking for unrealistic things previously. But this is more of a practical matter.

*Amendment to amendment* to every two months

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**MOVER: Tobias Friedel**

**SECONDER: Antoine Ponsard**

Motivation: Every two months is a bare minimum we should ask for. We need to be able to react with some urgency to events that arise.

## **AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT PASSED**

Back to original amendment.

## **AMENDMENT PASSED**

Back to main motion.

*Amendment* to replace Dr. Piper with the position title.

**MOVER: Yaseen Mottiar**

**SECONDER: Antoine Ponsard**

Motivation: Using title instead of specific person will make it more lasting, beyond Dr. Piper's term.

Kylie: I think the second BIRT clause covers that wish.

Tobias: Agree with Kylie, second BIRT clause is intended to make it ingrained in the position.

Charlie: Would this apply to Dr. Piper since she is Interim president?

Abdul: Yes.

Patrick: Specifying Dr. Piper makes it clear we want it for the existing presidency.

Motion to amend fails.

## **AMENDMENT FAILS**

Back to main motion.

*Amendment* to fix the wording.

**MOVER: Marcelo Bravo**

**SECONDER: Maayan Kreitzman**

Motivation: Want to point out that there is urgency to this request.

Antoine: Point of clause is to talk about future, not specifically Dr. Piper's term.

Patrick: Idea is for these to happen as long as position of UBC president exists.

## **AMENDMENT FAILS**

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*Amendment* to "starting immediately".

**MOVER: Charlie Deng**

**SECONDER: Logan McDonald**

*Motivation:* add urgency

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Tobias: Meeting already committed to in early September.

**AMENDMENT PASSED**

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Lachlan: call for quorum.

Speaker: Quorum is present.

**MOTION PASSED**

## 6. Office Scanner Purchase (CPIF)

WHEREAS the current scanner is so slow that it severely hinders staff productivity;

WHEREAS the project entitled "Office scanner purchase" satisfies the requirements of the CPIF project and has been approved by the HF committee;

BIRT GSS Council approves up to \$700 from the capital projects improvement fund (budget line 10-785) for the purchase of a Fujitsu iX500 scanner for digitizing documents for archiving purposes.

**MOVER: Shona Robinson**

**SECONDER: Tobias Friedel**

*Motivation from Charlie:* CPIF – capital projects improvement fund – now is at \$160,000; another installment \$20,000 to be received in September. Current scanner seriously slows down the work of the GSS staff. It takes 3 to 4 hours to process documents on a regular basis. With a new scanner, this can be done in a more efficient way.

**MOTION PASSED**

## 7. Purchase of Tables (CPIF)

WHEREAS the project entitled "Purchase of Tables" satisfies the requirements of the CPIF project and has been approved by the HF committee;

BIRT Council approves up to \$1700 from CPIF (budget line 10-785) for the purchase of 17 collapsible plastic banquet tables with the same dimensions as the existing foldable tables.

**MOVER: Tobias Friedel**

**SECONDER: Nick Dawson**

**MOTION PASSED**



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## 8. Projector Purchase (CPIF)

WHEREAS the project entitled “Projector Purchase” satisfies the requirements of the CPIF project and has been approved by the HF committee;

BIRT Council approves up to \$725 from the capital projects improvement fund (budget line 10-785) for the purchase of a BenQ MX505 XGA video projector for use in the new GSS space in the Nest.

**MOVER: Charlie Deng**

**SECONDER: Maayan Kreitzman**

*Motivation:* more equipment for GSS Loft. Good resolution, strong light. More expensive than other models, but will fit better.

### MOTION PASSED

*Motion to amend* to add a motion and include WHEREAS about resignation to read:

*WHEREAS the resignation of Dr. Arvind Gupta as UBC President and Vice-Chancellor was announced on August 7, 2015; and*

*WHEREAS the information provided at the time of the President's resignation was insufficient to uphold the integrity of the President's office, and resulted in instability within the University;*

*BIRT the GSS call upon the UBC board of Governors and Dr. Arvind Gupta to voluntarily renegotiate mutually agreed-upon terms to their non-disclosure agreement in order to provide some degree of transparency around the former president's resignation.*

**MOVER: Maayan Kreitzman**

**SECONDER: Patrick Lo**

### MOTION PASSED

## 9. Transparency around the former president's resignation.

WHEREAS the resignation of Dr. Arvind Gupta as UBC President and Vice-Chancellor was announced on August 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS the information provided at the time of the President's resignation was insufficient to uphold the integrity of the President's office, and resulted in instability within the University;

BIRT the GSS call upon the UBC board of Governors and Dr. Arvind Gupta to voluntarily renegotiate mutually agreed-upon terms to their non-disclosure agreement in order to provide some degree of transparency around the former president's resignation.

**MOVER: Maayan Kreitzman**

**SECONDER: Enav Zusman**

Point of privilege from Tobias to read the motion.

Speaker: entertained.



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*Motivation from Maayan:* appreciate all the motions we approved earlier. What we are missing is some sort of a position to say about initial circumstances - important thing to do. It is not ok the way it was done. The way BIRT was worded, so they the sides can negotiate how to make legal information available. Call upon them to provide more information for the community.

Lachlan: well phrased; support the motion.

Conny: mutual agreement is very common for HR. Don't like because of lack of time to consult with constituencies.

Call for quorum.

Speaker: quorum is called lost.

**Meeting is adjourned at 8:28 pm**

## **K. Other Business and Notice of Motions**

### **L. Discussion Period**

### **M. Submissions**

- Briefing note on Academic Freedom;
- Board Procedure Briefing note.

### **N. Notice**

### **O. Next Meeting**

*Thursday, September 17th 2015*